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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SIXTH EXECUTIVE SESSION

Provisional agenda and annotations for the sixth executive session of the Board

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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II. ANNOTATIONS OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. The rules of procedure of the Board are contained in TD/B/16/Rev.4 and Corr.1. The guidelines for the Trade and Development Board in executive session are annexed to the present document for ease of reference.

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Item 1 Adoption of the agenda of the session

2. The provisional agenda for the sixth executive session of the Board was approved by the Consultations of the Officer-in-Charge of UNCTAD on 16 June 1994.

Documentation

TD/B/EX(6)/1	Annotated provisional agenda for the sixth executive session of the Board

Item 2 Policy review of technical cooperation in UNCTAD

3. At the resumed second part of its fortieth session (25-27 May 1994), the Board considered the report on "Technical cooperation: implementing the Cartagena Commitment", prepared by Dame Margaret Anstee and Mr. Leelananda de Silva, and circulated to the Board under cover of a note by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD entitled "Policy review of technical cooperation" (TD/B/40(2)/14).

4. In its Conclusions and Decisions 415 (XL)*, of 27 May 1994, the Board, in expressing its appreciation of the report and welcoming its overall thrust with its emphasis on the need to strengthen UNCTAD's technical cooperation, within the functions outlined for UNCTAD in paragraph 50 of the Cartagena Commitment,

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* See Report of the Trade and Development Board on the resumed second part of its fortieth session (TD/B/40(2)/26, Part I.A).

decided to convene an executive session at the earliest possible opportunity to complete its review of the report and, in the light thereof, to decide on the recommendations contained therein.

Documentation

TD/B/40(2)/14*	Policy review of technical cooperation: Note by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD
TD/B/40(2)/26	Report of the Trade and Development Board on the resumed second part of its fortieth session
TD/B/EX(6)/CRP.1	Note by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the implementation of recommendations contained in the report by independent consultants

Item 3 Status of the European Community in the Special Committee on Preferences

5. At its 835th plenary meeting, on 19 April 1994, the Board mandated the President, in consultation with the UNCTAD Senior Legal Adviser, to conduct consultations on this matter.

6. At its 843rd plenary meeting, on 27 May 1994, the Board, in view of the continuing consultations by the President, agreed that this question be placed on the agenda of the next executive session of the Board.

7. The President will inform the Board on the outcome of his consultations.

Documentation

TD/B/40(2)/22**	Status of the European Community in the Special Committee on Preferences Explanatory memorandum of the Presidency of the European Union
TD/B/40(2)/CRP.3**	Communication from the Chairman of the Group of 77

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* Document circulated to the Board at the resumed second part of its fortieth session.

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Item 4 Draft terms of reference of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget

8. At its second executive session, the Trade and Development Board decided to request the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to convene a series of informal meetings with members of the Working Party and interested delegations to discuss and exchange views on the role and function of the Working Party.

9. Several informal consultations, chaired by the Director of Programme Support and Management Services Division, were held between March 1993 and June 1994, and a draft resolution on the terms of reference for the Working Party was drawn up for eventual adoption by the Trade and Development Board.

10. At the monthly consultations of the Officer-in-Charge of UNCTAD on 16 June 1994, with representatives of States members of UNCTAD, it was decided to include an item on the agenda of the sixth executive session entitled "Draft terms of reference of the Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and Programme Budget".

11. In accordance with his mandate, the Officer-in-Charge of UNCTAD will report to the Board on the outcome of the informal consultations as well as any action which the Board might take on this question.

Documentation

TD/B/EX(6)/L.1	Draft resolution on the terms of reference of the Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and Programme Budget

Item 5 Other Business

Item 6 Report of the sixth executive session of the Board

12. The Board may wish to authorize the Rapporteur, under the authority of the President, to prepare the report of the Board on its sixth executive session.

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Annex

GUIDELINES FOR THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The Trade and Development Board in executive session

Pursuant to paragraph 67 of the Cartagena Commitment, the Trade and Development Board adopts the following guidelines for its meetings in executive session (hereafter referred to as "executive sessions of the Board").

1. The executive sessions of the Board will facilitate the strengthening of the policy function of the Board in adapting the organization's work to changing worldwide economic circumstances, reviewing work programmes and priorities, promoting greater efficiency and reacting to reports from its subsidiary bodies in order to give impetus to ongoing work.

2. The executive sessions will be convened at the level of Permanent Representatives at regular intervals, and at any time the President of the Board, in consultation with the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and with the member States, deems it necessary, in half-day or one day sessions. One of these sessions shall take place immediately before each part of the regular sessions of the Board. The agenda for each executive session of the Board will be agreed upon sufficiently in advance to ensure adequate preparation. Each executive session of the Board should be preceded by an appropriate consultative process.

3. The executive sessions of the Board may provide guidance to the subsidiary bodies of the Board and take action on the outcomes of the meetings of these bodies; take action on procedural and organizational matters; and provide timely preparation of the issues to be considered by the regular sessions of the Board.

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*Adopted by the Board at its 805th plenary meeting on 7 May 1992 (cf. TD/B/1323(Vol.II), part I, decision 398(XXXVIII), annex A).